Title: References made to the passing away of Shrimati Phoolan Devi, a member of Eleventh Lok Sabha and sitting member on 25.07.2001.

MR. SPEAKER : Hon. Members, the House is aware of the sad and sudden demise of one of our esteemed colleagues, Shrimati Phoolan Devi.

Shrimati Phoolan Devi was a sitting member of Lok Sabha representing Mirzapur Parliamentary constituency of Uttar Pradesh.

She was also a Member of Eleventh Lok Sabha representing the same constituency during 1996-97.

She served as a member of the Parliamentary Standing Committees on Food & Civil Supplies and Labour and Welfare.

Smt. Phoolan Devi's life held mirror to the contemporary socio-political system. She fought for the cause of the poor, the exploited, the downtrodden and the weaker sections of the society.

Her tragic end came when she was shot at on 25 July, 2001 at her residence at New Delhi at the age of 38.

No words are sufficient to condemn this senseless and cowardly act of violence which has cut short a budding political career.

We deeply mourn the loss of this friend and I am sure the House would join me in conveying our condolences to the bereaved family.

The House may now stand in silence for a short while as a mark of respect to the memory of the departed soul.

11.02 hrs.

(The members then stood in silence for a short while)

MR. SPEAKER: The House stands adjourned to meet again tomorrow, at 1100 a.m.

11.03 hours

The Lok Sabha then adjourned till Eleven of the Clock

on Friday, July 27, 2001/Sravana 5, 1923 (Saka).